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SECURITY INCIDENT INVOLVING DRUG COURT INFORMATION SYSTEM

On December 1, 2011, a County contract provider notified the Internal Services Department (ISD) that they were unable to access the Drug Court Management Information System (DCMIS). DCMIS is a web-based application that supports all Los Angeles County Adult Drug Courts and the Sentenced Offender Drug Court.

Initial analysis of DCMIS determined that the access failure was caused by an application software vulnerability that had been exploited by unauthorized users. Based on numerous media reports and information security forums, this vulnerability exploited thousands of servers worldwide. ISD immediately reacted by restoring the application to a recovery point prior to the exploit.

The DCMIS stores 17,697 records with client personal identifiable information (e.g., name, address, date of birth, driver license, and social security number). Approximately 86% (15,204) of these records have an individual's social security number.

The County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), District Attorney's High Technology Crimes Investigation Unit, and ISD performed a comprehensive analysis using computer forensic tools and determined that there is no evidence the DCMIS records were compromised. This incident does not warrant notification letters to be distributed since no records were exposed that could cause potential harm to County clients.

The DCMIS application and database remediation is complete. ISD and District Attorney will continue to work with the County's CISO to implement remedial measures to prevent a reoccurrence for other County applications and databases.

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